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April 12, 2019

The Honorable Chief Justice John Roberts
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street NW
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Chief Justice Roberts:

Due to heightened interest in 18-966, *Department of Commerce, et al., v. New York, et al.*, we urge the Supreme Court to make the audio recording of oral arguments immediately available on the Court's website on April 23 after the case has been submitted.

Same-day audio - utilized most recently in *Trump v. Hawaii* and *Obergefell v. Hodges* - has proven a valuable resource for tens of thousands of Americans interested in listening to the Justices weigh the merits of a case in an unfiltered, unbiased and near-contemporaneous way. Plus, the Court has already acknowledged the considerable interest in this case by posting a media advisory on March 14 noting limited press seating.

Allowing prompt public access to a primary source like argument audio affords more Americans the ability to engage with its government, and though we acknowledge that oral arguments represent but a small portion of a case, a same-day audio release can effectively demonstrate to the public the Court's diligence and collegiality when considering issues of national import.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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